DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Request for Comment

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 990 and related schedules.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS FROM DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE <u>FEDERAL REGISTER</u>] to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Yvette Lawrence, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Allan Hopkins, (202) 622–6665, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet at <u>Allan.M.Hopkins@irs.gov</u>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

<u>Title</u>: Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax Under Section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation).

Form: 990 and related schedules.

OMB Number: 1545-0047.

<u>Abstract</u>: Form 990 is needed to determine that IRC section 501(a) tax-exempt organizations fulfill the operating conditions within the limitations of their tax exemption.

<u>Type of Review</u>: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Private sector: not-for-profit institutions

Estimated Number of Respondents: 105,103.

Estimated Number of Responses: 403,068

Estimated Hours per Respondent: 63.92.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 25,766,156.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice: An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have

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practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of

information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be

collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents,

including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information

technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and

purchase of services to provide information.

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